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Sir:

The Examiner's Action dated March 7, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to a pattern forming method, for prosecution in the instant application. Accordingly, consideration and allowance of the instant application are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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